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### The President for the Schenectady Putter.

In the press and stress of public business President TAFT finds time to strike more than ordinary merit, Mr. TAFT in "indorsing" the Schenectady putter fires a shot that will be heard round the world. declared at the meeting of the United States Golf Association in Chicago on January 14, or we misapprehend the spirit of the delegates and their love of country. The President's letter to Mr. WALTER J. TRAVIS is already a historic archives of American golf. If pithy it is powerful, running as follows:

" I have yours of December 7. I think the re striction imposed by St. Andrews is too narrow. 1 think putting with a Schenectady putter is sports manlike and gives no undue advantage."

Somehow we can't imagine Mr. TAFT holing out surely with the goosenecked putter. It lacks heft and stability. In his hands it would be a tricksy toy, like a wand in the grasp of HANS WAG-NER. But the Schenectady is an implement for Presidents, that is to say, for Americans. If ARENDT VAN CORLEAR played golf in the Mohawk meadows in the seventeenth century-and there is warrant for a non-Scotch origin of the game-doubtless he used a putter built on the generous plan of the Schenectady, mallet headed, centre shafted, stable and accurate. This comfortable type of putter fits Mr. TAFT, but there is a certain graciousness toward lesser golfers who have suffered from the gyrations of the goosenecked in his pronouncement that the Schenectady is sportsmanlike.

A word may be said here about the prestige the game enjoys from the President's participation in it. He has recommended golf as a builder of character, pointing out that it is full of lessons. It to excel in go!f who is provoked to wrath quent in the game. With his ball in a ditch the player can never afford to let his angry passions rise and swing his niblick like a flail. The ball is a sentient thing and expects a touch as sure as it is well timed and adequate. The luck in the game is inconsiderable. Success spoils some players, and others, the men of true fibre, show their best qualities in adversity. A long head is as necessary as proficiency in making the stroke. Golf is a game of intellect and physical poise. The man who is not better for playing it lacks the essentials of true manhood. Mr. TAFT has impressed the educational value and the philosophy of golf upon his countrymen. To have a golfer of "class" in the White House is to know that affairs of State will be duly considered and transacted with wisdom and responsibility. So when Mr. TAFT declares for the Schenectady putter St. Andrews may well pause and measure the significances of the act.

Never will the United States Golf Association, in our humble judgment, follow the lead of St. Andrews and abolish the Schenectady putter. It would be a reflection upon the first golfer in America -officially, of course, we mean. If Mr. TAFF dares to stand by the Schenectady the association must hold up his hands. That it will do so with enthusiasm we are convinced, for golfers everywhere are aroused to the tyranny of St. Andrews and the spirit of 1911 blazes with a ruddy and lambent light. America is no longer in golf leading strings. It is grown up and has a mind of its own, and a will too. Only the rules of St. Andrews that our assothe Schenectady putter! American golfers never shall be slaves!

The Speculators Disclaimed. a theatre. So the dinner must have been Paris-Rouen portion of it, for which the often done." regarded as a success in accomplishing estimate was about \$30,000,000. the purpose of the organization.

theatrical affairs. This barrier between ships of greater burthen go to Rouen inal and amusing philosopher: sance. Up to this point there could be windings of the Seine, which are madno difference of opinion between the dening to navigators, whatever artists do not realize how many people there are who

sidewalk or in the hotel cigar store.

tre managers should be encouraging to runs from Sartrouville to Bezons, on a long downtrodden and bilked community. Yet that old cry of "Wolf!" has town, joined to Clichy, is to be the har lost the power to thrill theatregoers with bor of the Paris seaport. Other annoyhope. A walk up Broadway will show ing loops of the Seine would probably "Women never sleep in their chairs on decke the same group of speculators standing be cut through in time, and the river in front of any theatre in which there held to a straight and narrow course, Investigation will prove that the best effect. turned over to the hotel and other spec- is that nobody can see where the profit is to a hill of beans, should be a misogy-

With such complete failure of their efmerce of Rouen would undoubtedly be the supposed continent or archipelagoes.

It may be left to this Englishman yet to impatient representative of the monopolists. high purpose, the dinner of the man-Strand. The daily and Sunday Sun are on sale in London at the American and Colonial Exchange, Carlton street, Regent street, and Daw's Steamship than it might appear at the first glance. agers seems after all less of a success

### The Disappearing Lawn.

Experts in the gentle art of gardening have observed that one time honored institution of the American country house is beginning to disappear. Time was when his front lawn was the After thirty-three years of labor and acres away from the piazza of his Vicin the Gothic style-or it may not have been any larger than his wealthy neigha blow for free American golf. As the bor's piazza. Whatever its size, its first golfer in the White House and one of green smoothness made it the apple of his eye. If this country home happened to be situated on the seashore the possession of even the most limited character. He is going to publish a tempt American explorers as this region, Independence of St. Andrews will be stretch of verdure was a luxury of which he might well boast.

Now the lawn is said to be doomed. its owner by the garden. The useless with him. So he distrusts himself. adornment of green turf that was considered such an indispensable adorndocument and will be treasured in the ment of every home in the country has distraction; they enable him to gird at before SHACKLETON returns there, but he indeed given place to the more practical and none less beautiful garden. Nowadays the country dweller who surveys his rows of flowers from his piazza is more contented than he who gazes on even the smoothest and greenest turf that careful planting and watering ever produced.

Various causes have tended to bring householder. One of these is the great increase of interest in gardening. Another arises from the desire of many dwellers in large cities to move to the suburbs for their homes. The lack of utility in a lawn, however beautiful it may be, does not recommend it to the owner of enough land for one but not for both details of a home in the suburbs. Another cause of rebellion against the lawn is probably to be found in its inalienable association with Victorian architecture even in its least pretentious form. Then the stronger appeal that a garden must because of its social significance is unpreference for the garden.

So this conventional attachment of the country house of a past age is destined to disappear except in the case of those whose means put every kind of country puts a high premium upon moderation, beauty at their disposar, puts a high premium upon moderation, have been few changes in fashions that be sure, at the moments quoted he beauty at their disposal. And there tudinous atomy to the wild sea. To matches. can be welcomed with as much cordial-pretends to be on his way to New York and profanity by the mischances so freearlier day

### Paris Longs to Be a Seaport.

The overflow of the Seine which damaged Paris badly last year, and which it was feared a few weeks ago would be repeated, has brought to life again the project of making Paris a seaport by deepening the channel of the river from Rouen up so as to admit of the passage French mind it seems a pity to have so much good water go to waste, and the on seeing the Place de la Concorde turned into a lake and the environs of the Grand Opéra falling into the deep, and in the underground railroad, leaps at once to visions of the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique steamers sailing from the wharves at Clichy, which can Odéon-Clichy omnibus if you have the time and patience for the journey. A trip to New York would be like taking the bateau-mouche for Saint Cloud or Suresnes

The plan to connect Paris with the sea goes back to the times of HENRI IV. and of COLRERT- the ground has been studied carefully by engineers for more who comes to occasionally." than a century and had every chance of success in the canal days of the Restoration, before the railroads came in. It was figured then that a canal twelve feet deep between Paris and Rouen, following the course of the Seine and bordering it, could be built for something like \$20,000,000. The July revolution put an end to that scheme, and France ciation approves of should be accepted. Later other plans were made: to connect took to building railroads instead. Paris with Havre; to cut through to Dieppe; the Freycinet Government deepened the bed of the Seine to a minithat at certain seasons vessels with a No doubt the theatrical managers en- draught of eighteen feet can be worked joyed their dinner the other night, satis- up to Paris; in 1881, finally, an engineer, fied their hunger, quenched their thirst, M. BOUQUET DE LA GRYE, drew up a and neglected no social advantage of scheme covering the whole matter their happy gathering. There was even and estimated the cost of a canal to a philanthropic side to their enter- Havre at a little over \$30,000,000. This the night we left Havana a number of women tainment, for they introduced into the last scheme has been kept before the of intextication. The story probably originated society of genuine protessional theatre public ever since, though nothing has managers some of the amateurs wealthy been done about it. Now it is proposed drank cocktalls with their escorts. It would enough to play at the game of running to have the Government take up the

This provides for dredging the Seine There was even consideration for that to a minimum depth of 2014 feet, with a lowly mob that buys the theatre tickets. breadth of about 120 feet at the bottom, Some of the managers expressed them- which would enable ships of 191/2 or 20 selves strongly against the present pre- foot draught to make their way at all conderance of the ticket speculator in times from Rouen to Paris; no loaded the public and the theatres was truth- now. It would require four locks only, fully described as an intolerable nui- and two cuts across the corkscrew

read of this virtuous denunciation of the loop nearest to Rouen, going from Oissel money. • • • And a collection of these people ticket parasite, whether he be on the to Pont de l'Arche; this cuts off Elbeuf,

an important manufacturing town. This expression of feeling from thea- from the improved river; the other

ulators and cannot be procured except to come from. In an age of passenger nist and an unprogressist. at a premium. It would take more than steamers of 30 and 40 foot draught few the eloquence of a million dinners to would care to travel on smaller vessels such a burning desire to accomplish this crease in that of Paris would make up for

it. The French are canny when it comes to spending money, and can hold out Navy: against sentimental considerations. It is noticeable how they hold back from the attractions of deep waterway improvements when only \$30,000,000 is suggested as the cost of them.

Travels of the Hermit of Potato Hill private sane asylum in Kansas. The record of his raid upon the West Indies reaches us with the news of his retirement, and will console the world a little therefor. Moreover, his hermitage will have a Benedictine and literary review dealing with the universe and his heart is strained. After a genera-It has been replaced in the affections of tion he found somebody that agreed

The peregrinations of Mr. Howe are of his West Indian piracies gleams balefully with the Red Avenger, STUBBS:

" Governor STUBBS of Kansas, who loves the ple [Howe is an accursed reactionary] and is always doing things for them, should fight for law providing that a snoring man must either buy a stateroom in a sleeper or set up all night about this change in the taste of the C. D. WALKER, who accompanies me on this

### In short, Judge WALKER is given to nasal serenades.

Did Howe go to the West Indies: Until we find the smoking room steward of the ship on which the pretended voyage was made we can't be sure. For hear this:

"Had he [ABRAHAM LINCOLN] lived a long time after retiring as President he might have height of popularity as Kin Commissioner-Genmake to all who do not yearn for a lawn erai-had he been shot down by some shiftless kin who resented Mr. APPLETON's noted reform doubtedly a strong factor in the present in visiting. Atchison might now be famous as

Come to think of it, Mr. Howe is so seven birthplaces, reminds him of birds were counted in Kansas City and south to clined it. I had been sent to call the large of the Audubon a man called "Indiana" IRVING, whose Harry R. Walmsley, president of the Audubon a boast of honesty, it is a confession of sim gave him a "whaling" in the presence of three girls, all of whom he had resolved to marry. He remembers that his mother never whipped him, but always told him he are too last, him everybody whom he eats with tells him soo; blackcapped chickadee, 500; crested titmous soo; blackcapped chickadee, 500; crested titmous soo; hairy woodpecker, 4; downy woodpecker, 500; hairy woodpecker, 8; fleker, 1; whitebreast always told him he ate too fast; and of ocean steamers. To the frugal How eats alone, like an African king of the old days. Nobody ever saw him eat. It is said, however, in this town species, 19, total individuals, 1.847. lively optimistic Parisian imagination that when he goes to a hotel he rings up Welsh rabbits as long as the cook can keep awake.

Well, here he is, or pretends to be, in not to speak of the water in the cellars Manhattan, and as usual he remembers sweet Argos and he gibes the Sawdust Socrates:

"Old BILL WRITE can utter a clarion note to be so easily reached by taking the peared in the Kansas City Star the State is the Emporia Gazette, and by the time it has aparoused, but I can't do it."

And now we are to cross the great sea Sociological note, evidently written in Atchison:

watch himi seems determined to drink himself to death. . . . He has a dissipated friend

This is a jeer at the well known Kansas custom of carrying a bottle and not "patronizing the bar." Besides, as a lean and hungry citizen, Mr. Howe

Mr. Howe's irony again. He imof a steward getting a tip, contrary to all probability, from a Sunflower traveller. Mr. Howe imagines that he mum depth of ten feet and a half, so gave \$36 in tips for two. But we shall never get anywhere at this rate. Turn from page 316. where "the president of he Hand Holders Union appeared, in a dress she had worn on many previous occasions," to page 317:

" One story that attracts much attention is tha drank cocktails with their escorts. It would seem impossible to ile about whiskey, but it is has risen from 1.552 to 10.306; but this remarkable

Save for this too exclusive devotion to the supposed smoking room, there can be nothing but praise for Mr. Howe. even if his disposition has been soured by Kansas. A word or two of his observations and confessions before we recommend him to all who like an orig-

" I don't look anywhere near my average when dressed in a bath robe.

managers at dinner and the victime that may think of them. One shortens the wavel about looking for an opportunity to spend tobacco, but not enough turkeys.

in one of the noted resorts does not favorable impress me. Indeed, they make me laugh.

"The poor people always say that the rich de not belong to the first families. "There is too much singing and plano playing

"A man's pants are always too long or to

They are afraid they will leave their mouths open." The Hermit of Potato Hill must be an may be a play that people want to see, if the canalizing plans should go into admirable travelling companion, if he ever travels. It is unfortunate that he. seats for every playhouse have been The chief trouble now, as in the past, the only Kansas novelist who amounts

Sir ERNEST SHACKLETON has in view Published by the Sun Printing and Publishing Association at 170 Nassau street, in the Borough of Mahattan, New York. President of Mahattan, New York. President of the Association, Edward P. Mitchell, 150 Nassau street of the Association, M. F. Laffan, 170 Nassau street; Secretary of the Association, D. W. With such complete failure of their efforts to exterminate the speculator and lower publishing of the sake of stepping off the ship to the Antarctic the sensible idea of circumnavigating the Antarctic lands and thus learning the extent of the supposed continent or archipelagoes. It may be left to this Englishman yet to for the sake of stepping off the ship for his next venture in the Antarctic the sensible idea of circumnavigating the Antarctic lands and thus learning the extent of the supposed continent or archipelagoes. It may be left to this Englishman yet to for the sake of stepping off the ship for his next venture in the Antarctic the sensible idea of circumnavigating the Antarctic the sensible idea of circumnavigating the Antarctic the door that was swung to and fro by a question is also problematic; the commerce of Rouen would undoubtedly be forts to exterminate the speculator and hurt, without its being clear that the inbring us the details about the great region of those days had thrust his grimy fingers of which Lieutenant WILKES on March 11, 1840, wrote to the Secretary of the

We have discovered a large body of land within the Antarctic circle, which I have named the Antarctic Continent, and refer you to the report of our cruise and accompanying charts did not stop at the violent jerking of the enclosed herewith for full information relative thereto.

his circuit of the Antarctic lands just the ruin of his handsome clothes. He had east of Wilkes Land and proceed west the purse of my dearest and nearest, as along the whole stretch of coasts which appeared when she reached the box office possession of which the householder was most proud. It may have stretched Watson Howr, who has made Atchison degrees of longitude. British writers acres away from the piazza of his Victorian residence—built possibly of wood nople, has retired to his shack, the only statements, though his expedition was primarily scientific and the world has in part by the Post Office. The indigent long known and benefited by the results used to stand day after day patiently waitof its researches, both in Antarctic and Pacific waters. German and other continental geographers, however, have had faith in WILKES's work. It would seem as where they might carry on and complete Kansas. He immures himself because the work that WILKES began; and yet the Washington expedition, which failed to start last year because funds were lacking, proposed nothing else than another dash for the pole.

English, German and Scottish expedinot merely or primarily for his own tions will probably be in the Antarctic his distracted State. The very first page proposes a programme that will supplement and not duplicate the work which the other parties will undertake

> Several years ago the city on the repesentations of the Fire Department and the insurance underwriters undertook to regulate the sale and use of parlor matches a fruitful source of accidents and fires. The quality of many so-called "safety" matches now on sale makes them almos as dangerous as the "parlor" match.

Many of the makers of safety matches seem to use no judgment in the selection of wood, and to design their products with the purpose of having them break when ignited. The sticks are cut with the grain running crosswise instead of practical maxims. with the length. While the paper matches now popular are not as likely to break and send a burning brand into inflammable material as are their wooden brethren become as tiresome in his old home in Springfield | they are not without objection on this as the Hon. LYBANDER JOHN APPLETON is in score, and under certain atmospheric con-

hand. There seems to be no reason why the city should not set a standard for the per ships that plied around the Horn to San Francisco. He had been a partner of Eurequire them at least to use sticks cut from clear wood, free from knots, and unlikely to break when struck. Probably such subject to seasickness-he once crossed regulation would reduce the number of the Kaw in a prairie schooner-that he fires; certainly its enforcement would add is mighty unlikely to trust his pulchri- to the comfort of everybody who uses

A bird census is taken every Christmas by Audu-The bird census results:

Crow, 61; bluefay, 70; cedar waxwing, 1; cardi-. 83; morning dove. 1; Carolina wren. 3; Junco. ; blackcapped chickadee. 500; crested titmouse nuthatch. 2; pintail. 1; kingfisher. 1; brown creeper redtailed hawk, 5; tree sparrow, 2.

G. W. M. in the Field.
Geese will live to a great age, and some few years ago I came across a very venerable goos (male or female I cannot now say) in Westmore-land in unexpected circumstances. I was walk-ing from Miinthorpe to Arnside, and at Ganaside found an acquaintance sitting on a seashore bench feeding a pet goose with biscuits steeped in ale. He told me that this goose had been in his family for over forty years and was partial to beer, stout, and even gin. One of the most to beer, stott, and even gin. One of the most remarkable records of the longevity of geese with which I am acquainted is to be found in an old book entitled "Travels in Scotland," by the Rev. James Hall, M. A., London, two volumes, 1807. On a visit to a Mr. Charles Grant of Etchles, "A fat man who spends most of his time in the smoking room [Mr. Howe stays there to the same place for "above eighty years."

Stirlingshire, the author was informed of a gander that had been killed by accident after living a the same place for "above eighty years."

Jowa City correspondence Marshalltown Herald.
The partial destruction of the Morrison block recalls much ancient history in connection with lowa City. It was on this site where the first plough ever made in Johnson county was ham-mered out by the blacksmith Vincent Gros, one hates fat men. Another entry to give a nautical tinge to these adventures:

"Judge WALKER says one of the stewards had"

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""These saul goes marching on." "whose soul goes marching on put up in what was then known as the Crummey Hotel in those years when he was in lowa and agines the voyage and the emotions made this city his headquarters. It was also in this hotel where Stephen A. Douglas held forth as he campaigned in the State during the year he was campaigning against Abraham Lincoln.

From te Figure.

Since 1899 the progress of automobilism has caused a decrease of 15,788 in the number of horses in Paris. The census of the horses in the city taken in 1910 gave a total of 75,463. In 1899 the

number was 91.261.

This diminution is the more noticeable in the wealthier districts. There are six arrondisse-ments in which the number of horses has slightly increased, including the Twelfth. Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Nineteenth. In these arrondissements are situated the great publi increase is due to the fact that the horses of of the largest cab companies are counted in the arrondissement, which was not the case in 1899.

## A Maine Pumpkin Pie Record

From the Lewiston Journal.

Mrs. G. E. Huntington of Church street, Gardiner, comes forward with a record bake of ples made from one pumpkin, claiming to have mad twenty seven large sized ples from one pumpkin

## A New Light on the Kentucky Situation.

From the Winchester News.

More money to the acre can be made by raising turkeys than tobacco. There is too much

### OLDER MANHATTAN.

### Forty Years Ago.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir. Who that rode down Broadway many years agonot too many either—in the buses with the can fail to remember what an architectural chievement the New York Life Building at Leonard street was thought to be? Not present building that has pushed its multiple stories into the sky, but its four or five storied nucleus; the early portion of the present building with the carved figure of a woman holding an ægis over a brood of young eagles. It was the wonder in a ride from Union Square to the Battery. And cobblestone pavement with a din not exseeded by the rumble of an express in the subway to-day! Then every young gallant -and some old ones too—would start from his seat as a pretty woman crowded in pastthrough a peephole and clutched the nickel that was to help to pay a 12 per cent. divi-

I remember how when riding in one of those buses with the nearest and dearest woman that a boy of 6 years can know to a matinée in Niblo's Garden the bus strap given by a finely dressed gentleman SHACKLETON hopes next year to begin and so the passenger jumped impatiently, to

show for that day was spoiled.
City Hall Park was really a park in those ing to sell a sheet of songs from among a collection held by little wooden clips to

with them by a "cop" on horseback.

When Albert Edward, then Prince of though no Antarctic enterprise would so Wales, came over in the '60s my father took me to see the pageant in the Prince's honor About where Hegeman's drug store now is, between John and Fulton streets on Broad way, was the dry goods store of William G. ane & Co., jobbers with a Southern trade In that store centred all the bright prospects my boyhood, but the war burst the bubble of promise and struck from my mouth the silver spoon to which I was born. The nemory of those lofts on that day crowded with muslins and calicos and harboring a kilt skirted boy looking from the windows down on the throng of people watching the soldiers who escorted the heir apparent to the British throne lingers to-day. The inted policemen on their capering horses backed into the crowd that overflowed the curb until I was in terror for the women and children whose bodies were in jopardy. Broadway's "finest," they felt their impor-ance: Irishmen, no doubt, proud to protect an English King to be from a ffiendly Amer Does any one remember the man with no

in Printing House Square whittling a stick of wood with his feet? The face of the be nign philosopher in bronze who looked down on him would have cracked in a smile could be have been conscious of the indif-ference of this ingenious beggar to all of his How many now remember Jauncey Court

in the Wall Street district? Who can point finger to the spot where it offered grateful shade to every lagging messenger boy remember being sent there once as a boy to buy a Lloyd's Register. The book was an authority on sailing vessels. The late Dan-Atchison. Had Mr. Application died while at the ditions have been known to part while in iel T. Murphy had inspired its purchase for the instruction of his brother in the art of selecting the stanchest and swiftest clipgene Kelly, the pioneer dry goods merchant of San Francisco, who was afterward a banker here and built Temple Court, at Nassau and Beekman streets. The fellow who sold the book rarely had a call for one. Although South street then was a forest of bowsprits, figureheads, masts and rigging. of the clipper ship. When I handed the be sure, at the moments quoted he pretends to be on his way to New York to take steamer. Indiana, one of his seven birthplaces, reminds him of a man called "Indiana" IRVING, whose looks of the sure plicity. Match me the boy to-day! failing to get it would very likely pick up at half price so useless a book brand new on the stall of a second hand dealer

> FINDLAY SACRETT. BROOKLYN, January 7.

## In the Early '60s

St. Augustine's now stands on East Houston street, but he did not climb a stone wall on stone and rising at least twenty feet Next door was Fisher's marble yard and works, where we watched the stonecutting on our way to school. I lived in East Hou streets and remember seeing the march past our house armed with rifles over their shoulders on their way up town to suppress the draft riots. Owen Murphy, a tinsmith, had a shop next door to our house and being foreman of 16 Hosecart on Nor Then he mentions No. 13 Public School. The principal was Leonard Hazeltine, one charge of the first class, the graduating class. His father's house on East Forty-sixth street had to be protected by the police from the rioters. And then later we formed the Williams Literary Union from graduates of Houston street night school, and James FitzGerald, now Supreme Court Judge, and later Judge Goff. Judge then, and a lot more of the old Cooper Union literary class which met Saturdays became members. Does he remember Prof. Frobisher, who was the leader of that Prof. Frobisher, who was the leady to class? But then so many things well up in one's mind when thinking of those old in one's mind when thinking of those old in one's mind when thinking of those of those times the only silver in circulation was the only silver "old residents" and swap reminiscen and perhaps form an Old New York Club. ADOLPH OPPENHEIMER. NEW YORK, January 6.

## A Fourth Warder

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Born in the Fourth ward of New York in 1844. one recollection I have is that in my boyhood neither at home nor at the public school, Allen street, Dr. Avery, principal, was Christmas Day celebrated. I do not think the public school was even closed on that day. At home we gave and received presents on New Year's Day, not Christmas. I wish some one would confirm the truth or fallacy of my recollection. I have a vague idea that Christmas was not popular among the Protestant Churches excepting probably the Episcopal Church

### A. S. KIREMAN. BROOKLYN, January 7.

When the Snow Was Five Feet Deep. To the Editor of the Sun-Sir: No-body seems to have mentioned French's in his day held the front of the stage. It Hotel on the opposite corner from the pres-ent Sun building, nor the grand fireworks in City Hall Park after the laying of the At- out springing one of them on his companion cable. The fireworks exhibition line of omnibuses or stages through Cath- This seemed to stagger him for an instant, excitement in the work.

through the Bowery. Catharine street was a great dry goods street in those days, as

Division was the great millinery street. D. McAlpin had a little tobacco shop in Catharine street just off Madison street, and Brooks Bros. had a large clothing store corner of Catharine and Cherry streets facing Catharine Market, the latter extending to the waterfront. And the snowstorms four or five feet deep before any shovelling What would Big Bill do to-day if he had such a fall of snow on his hands?

And the military parades, with the Seventy-ninth, all Scotchmen, in kilts too; the Eleventh, the German regiment; the Lanc ers, the French regiment, the Fifty-fifth, wasn't it? And the public school in James that was not what the boys called him Extending the Bowery from Chatham Square to Pearl street, under the name New Bowery, took away school No. 10. Then there was Public School No. 1 in William street, Principal Smith, very fond of Virgin Leaf plug tobacco. No. 1 was pulled down to make way for the extension of Chambers

And the United States Hotel with its three marble fronts on Pearl, Fulton and Water streets, under the management of the Carl ton brothers. It was considered a first hotel. The guests were summoned to the three meals of the day, breakfast dinner, supper in the order named, by beatng on a large Chinese gong. Often have heard that gong, beginning soft and low nereasing in depth and loudness and endng with one or two terrific whacks, then ilence, followed by the patter of feet down the brass covered stairs to the large and well lighted dining room. And how of your readers will remember "Roll On NEW YORK, January 7.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Many of us well remember the Maison Dorée or he south side of Fourteenth street near

Broadway, with its gilt facade. In regard to the inquiry of "W. D. S." in THE SUN as to the location of the Spingler Institute. I possess a fine steel engraving Broadway and looking north over the square. No date is attached, but I would fix 1850 or thereabout as the probable date No date is attached, but I would of the picture. The old iron fence, with its tall pickets, still surrounds the park, and the enclosure is much more extensive than entire block between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets is shown, the building im-mediately next the Church of the Puritans on the southwest corner exhibiting a sign, s engraved this title: "Collegiate Institute for Young Ladies. Rev. Gorham D. Abbott, Principal." South of the institute is a handome residence; and it is clear that the intitute was in the upper half of the block and did not extend to the northwest corner of Fourteenth street. The northern half of the block between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets is vacant, but the next block appears residences. Beyond Eighteenth street, on he east side of the present Broadway, appears only the Goelet residence; and the as open space entirely unbuilt upon. On the north side of the square appear four resilences only, covering the westerly half of the block between Fourth avenue and Broad-What subsequently became the site of the Everett House is, in this picture, of Seventeenth street, with two spires, however, one probably of Calvary North of this no buildings whatever are depicted, giving the impression that about 1850 the open fields, with but few straggling houses, began north of the potter's field,

now Madison Square.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., January 7.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: Who ecollects the Chinese junk that was off the I was mistaken about the location of the

old Park, but it was a continuous street. There was the Apollo Hall, where billiards was in its early stages, not as the game is now played. I recollect the Florence saloon, also Lovejoy's, Walker and Broadway. The New Haven cars came there: all

"California." Saw the Prince when he came from the Fifth Avenue Hotel and saw him ride up Broadway with Mayor Wood. remember Mary Taylor, the pride of the bon Society officials. The English sparrow is not counted, as it is considered too plentiful and of 10 per cent. commission on the deal, and playing in a piece called "Perfection." I knew their father, and also Palmo, who introduced Italian opera in this country. Then n those old days we had Tom Hamblin, Harry Hunt and others whose names I have forgotten. Does any one recollect Wind-hurst's? Vauxhall Garden I remember well; saw a balloon ascension there. There were four Ravels: Jerome, Gabriel, Antoine and To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: "Old François. If any one wishes to bear me out Resident is right about the cemetery where let him go to a place in Greenwich street near Eighth avenue, where he will find stacks of playbills. They are very interfor it was a large iron railing based esting. Mrs. John Wood played at the Olym-OLD NEW YORKER.

# NEW YORK, January 6.

## An Old Theatregoer.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: recall the enthusiasm that greeted the Lydia Thompson troupe of English Blondes appearing at Niblo's Garden in 1868, with larry Becket as one of its foremost attractions, who subsequently became a disand being foreman of to rescent the following and folk street, offered to protect my father in at Wallack's Theatre, corner of Broadway and Thirteenth street. This same company and Thirteenth street. This same company and Thirteenth street. later appeared at Wood's Museum at Broadway and Twenty-ninth street of the old school sort and certainly one of that the days of those old stock companies the sturdlest Americans ever born. How have become a memory, and if I mistake not that the days of those old stock companies we sons of foreign parents just worshipped it is one of the evidences of a decline in the him! And Robert H. Pettigrew, who had efficiency of the drama. A READER. NEW YORK, January 7.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Joseph

## "Palmy Days" of the Theatre.

laydock errs when he says that Charles Fisher was a member of Wallack Mr. Fisher belonged to Burton's company, along with Dolly Davenport, George Jordan and, T. B. Johnston. Do I remember Charley White's melodeon in the Bowery? Well, I guess yes, for

Mexican money, sixpence, one shilling and the floor, likewise to likewise to the floor. a play that made men and women the better | rule was observed for seeing it and one that made a lasting

impression also on us youngsters I cannot recall seeing Forrest at the Bowery at that time, but I am confident that I saw him at the Broadway Theatre in the early 60s, supported by Conway and Mme. Ponisi was probably the only actor on the American stage who could play anything not only

acceptably but in an unsurpassable manner. The Placides! Since their exit has the world produced their equal? As a youngster I saw one of them, which one I cannot remember, play Harcrace in "Napoleon's Old Guard." Is there such a choice morceau as this play on the American stage to-Or can you find an actor who can play the character as Placide did?

was nothing for him to make a joke, and I doubt very much if he ever appeared withlantic cable. The fireworks exhibition players. I remember in the play of "John closed with a set piece the full length of the Bull" he took the character of Dennis Bul-

arine street to the ferry and back again but he recovered himself and blurted out "Do it for the sake of my posterity? phwat did my posterity ever do for me?" and I don't think this witticism was in the

text of the play at all. Yes, those were good old times. We shall never look upon their like again. other of the LXXIII tribe. BROOKLYN, January 8.

### Educational, Porcine, Bovine,

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I can tell "T. T. W." something concerning Rut-gers College, which stood on the east side of Fifth avenue between Forty-first and Forty-second streets. In the year 1844, then called Rutgers Female Institute, it occupied the site of Nos. 238, 240 and 242 Madison street in the Seventh ward (the Seventh ward being known for many years as the Quaker ward because of the many Quakers who resided there).

The institute was then a stock concern the shares being \$100 each, of which my father held one, the certificate of which upon his death I found among his effect and still retain. This certificate is dated February 25, 1844, and signed Isaac Ferris, president; W. H. Falls, treasurer. Not unlikely the institute was established about that time for better instruction of young ladies than was afforded by the schools of the period and perhaps for exclusiveness

A stage bearing the name of the institute used to make daily rounds to convey the scholars, or some of them, to and from the school.

By the way, was not the Isaac Ferris here mentioned the Isaac Ferris who in

later years became Chancellor?
What about the sows and their litters that used to roam the streets of the East Sid nosing the filth with which the streets and gutters then abounded, a daily and sickening sight, in my boyhood days? Alleys were many and furnished, by means of swinging doors, entrance and exit to these porcine I have stood, a boy, before the open doors of slaughter houses then located just above Houston street and witnessed the dragging in and butchering of bullocks.

### The Sale of Mr. Laffan's Objects of Art

BROOKLYN, January 7.

The paintings, Oriental porcelains and other objects of art and antiquity which belonged to William M. Laffan will be sold at auction on the afternoon and evening of Friday, January 20, and the afternoon of Saturday, January 21. Before the sale they will be on view at the galleries of the American Art Association in Madison Square for a week beginning on Saturday next

These possessions, as is well known to many people, are the acquired treasures of a connoisseur who made no systematic attempt at collection and bought nothing merely for the purpose of filling a gap in a preconceived scheme of accumulation. Few men in the world in his time were more built up solid with handsome, old fashioned familiar than Mr. Laffan with the world's best things in art. The range of his interest and knowledge was as extraordinary as the accuracy of his perceptions and the refinement of his taste. His individual qualities and his long experience and intimate part as an adviser in the creation of some of the most notable collections, public or private, in the country, preclude the idea of the banal, the insignificant or the unworthy in the case of any object personally desired by him. For the same reason the things that he thought it worth while to acquire and keep for the pleasure of himself and his friends of discernment in these matters are likely to be regarded by the judicious as stamped by that very fact with the mark of assured importance in their respective classes and grades of value. It is perhaps proper for THE SUN to say

> this much in calling attention to the unusual interest of the exhibition and sale.

## Consular Notes.

of New South Wales. Australia, will benefit 1,500 000 acres of land and provide settlement to good advantage for from 50,000 to 100,000 persons in the "Riverina" district in the southern part of the State. The land will be available within about one year. The total cost will be about

There is a large market open in the Malay States for pushing the sale of American con densed milk. Dairy farms are failures there Last year these States imported \$1,064,138 worth of it, but the United States only sent 8,000 out of 253,113 cases. The American product is admitted there to be equal to the Swiss product Singora will be the terminus of the Malayslan-Slamese Railway from Singapore to Bangkok and the head of the trans-Slamese route. It is an interesting old place, surrounded by walls, partiy removed to give access to the road. A com-modious station will be built in the centre of

by a Slamese syndicate, also an electric light and Prices of tin. gambler, taploca, sago, pepper rubber, &c., exported from Malaysia have in-creased by 95 per cent, since 1806. The British commercial attaché at Pekin re-ports a much increased demand in China for

the town. An electric tramway is contemplated

electric and other machinery. Russia imported \$12.823.500 worth of agricul-tural machinery and implements in the first half of 1910, or about the same as in the same period of 1909, but double the import of the first half of 1908 This is besides the \$23,585,500 worth produced by

Burma is obtaining and exporting far more of than in previous years. Nine companies have over \$20,000,000 invested in the Burma oil fields. During the last season shipments of California grapes reached Porto Rico so quickly that the interest formerly displayed in Spanish grapes was reduced. Pears, peaches, plums and cherries were also promptly sent and delivered.

Tasmania is preparing to use eucalyptus tir per for the manufacture of paper Argentina had December 31, 1909, 2,220,509 for-eign born inhabitants, the Italians leading with .089,022, followed by 664,602 Spaniards. In o as named the other nationalities were French. Russians, Syrians, Austrians, English, Brazilians, Germans, Swiss, Portuguese, Hungarians, Bei

## Ancient Church Customs

glans and Americans.

From the London Globe.

In the age of witchcraft and superstition it was believed that the fairles built the old kirks in Glasgow and that they had a right to then so said Mr. W. B. Paterson, lecturing Old Glasgow Club. The accommodation afforded the parishioners was very different from the present luxurious age. There were no pews it Scottish kirks before the reign of Charles I. The people had to bring their stools with them, and those that did not do this simply sat down on Mexican money, sixpence, one shilling and the floor. For the evening service parishleners likewise brought candlesticks and candles. On the question of the separation of the sexes Mr. and Mrs. Shaw played in "The Stranger." Paterson mentioned the interesting fact that No blood and thunder about that play, but there still existed a church in the city where this

From the London Globe.

The last of the Trees of Liberty, several of which were planted in Paris to commemorate the Revolution in 1848, is no more. The little tree. What about J. R. Scott? His stamping planted with much ceremony, flourished and be round was the Chatham Theatre, and he came one of the tallest in Paris. Of later years the Tree of Liberty was only a tree of liberty to theory, for it was really a prisoner surrounded by houses, and these year after year have increase in height, making the struggle of the tree th roots, however, spread and became a danger to a house of eight stories, so in its attempt to rival the house in height the tree was vanquished and

## The Laziest People.

From the Times of Malaya.

There is no doubt that the Malay is one of the laziest people in the world. Except in rare cases they will not take the trouble to learn when they are young, and afterward, if they have learned they will not exert themselves to apply the closed with a set piece the full length of the Buil" he took the character of Dennis BuilCity Hall and represented two vessels starting for midocean in opposite directions, thing, which he refused—then he was dropping the cable as they sailed. And the begged to do it for the sake of his posterity.

Knowledge to any opject which severs leaded fort. That they possess energy is known to any one who has seen Malays engaged in any enterprise which savors of sport. They do not mind the trouble if there is only some risk and